

Dear Homeowner:

Enclosed is the ENHANCED School Tax Relief (STAR) application you requested. Applications are now accepted throughout the year. We must have your completed application postmarked by January 2, 2007 to apply for the 2007-2008 school tax bill.

FOR APPLICANTS WHO FILE NEW YORK STATE INCOME TAX RETURNS:

- Q In order for you to continue receiving the Enhanced STAR exemption in the future, without having to reapply and submit copies of your tax return(s) to the assessor every year, you can opt into the STAR Income Verification Program by entering your Social Security Number(s) on the application (Refer to Page 1 No. 6). If you do not file a tax return or choose not to opt in to this program, a renewal application with proof of income must be filed every year with the Department of Assessment.

FOR ALL APPLICANTS: Please read application instructions carefully.

- Q You must submit the **original pink application**, completed and signed, with photocopies of all required documents attached. **We cannot be responsible for original documents.**
- Q Enclose Proof of Age, Income and Primary Residence with your application.
- Q There will be an annual cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) to the income limit for Enhanced STAR. For the 2007-2008 school tax year, the income limit has been increased to \$67,850. If your "STAR" income exceeds the \$67,850 limit, write "Income Over" in the Total STAR Income box on the front of the application. Sign and return the application with a copy of your 2005 income tax return. You will automatically receive the Basic STAR.
- Q **Income Information:** Enclose a copy of all pages of your 2005 Federal or State income tax return(s) **The Federal or State tax return must have name, address and social security number(s) on it.** Include a copy of the 1099R for any taxable IRA distribution(s).

If you *were not required* to file a tax return for 2005, verification of all taxable income must be included (i.e., 1099 statements of interest, dividends, pension, W-2, etc.). You may be required to provide an IRS printout of all income statements.

- Q Due to the extremely large volume of STAR applications, we suggest you file (in person) **AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE**, in order to expedite the processing of your application.
- Q If you have any questions, visit or call the Department of Assessment at **(516) 571-2490**.

SINCERELY,



Harvey B. Levinson
Chairman, Board of Assessors